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Newsletter

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Dear Community,

Sunday Gospel Account

"For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Luke 13: 22 – 30. Spiritual conditioning requires the same discipline as physical conditioning. Reward usually follows effort. The same amount of time and energy that goes into physical exercise should be the same that goes into a faith life. Jesus knows we are all sinners but our efforts to make amends is what will be rewarded.

Academic Results and Providing Support for Students with Specific Needs

Late last week all schools received the online NAPLAN results for 2019 minus the writing component. On every measure our school did really well in both Year 3 and Year 5. For the past 5 years OLR has consistently performed above state and national means and in some cases way above the expectations. We believe that through the introduction of Cultures of Thinking, the employment of literacy and maths coaches and through data driven program design, we have been able to deliver strong academic results.

Students who have been diagnosed with a specific learning need receive funding proportional to the data matched to the government formula for learning support. What we are able to offer at OLR is the same as other schools whether public, private or Catholic. All OLR staff are trained in dyslexia, gifted and talented and disability standards including such things as asthma, anaphylaxis and autism spectrum disorder. The academic results for such students as measured through assessments such as NAPLAN is an area of celebration for our school. The learning gains in some cases have been beyond expectations where some students have recorded gains of up to two band levels.

Parliamentary Visit

Our school has been selected to host a visit from NSW Parliamentarians who are looking into outcome-based funding in NSW schools. Schools selected for this visit need to provide evidence of the impact of data to improve educational outcomes for all students. This is something to be celebrated as the focus will be on value added education for students with specific needs and from specific demographics. We welcome the visit as an opportunity to celebrate the strong educational work taking place at OLR. The exact date has not been established so more information will follow.

Financial Literacy – Start Smart

One of the criticisms of modern schooling is that we do not have a specific curriculum for financial literacy for such things as saving money, mortgages, etc. Whether that is the domain of schools is up for debate. At OLR to celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week, commencing the 10th September, every class will receive direct instruction in financial literacy. Obviously, the lessons will be tailored for the different classes, but these will be run by educators from the Commonwealth Bank. Even though the bank is sponsoring the lessons they are not allowed to push on to the children any products and services. The content of the lessons is around knowing the difference between needs and wants in the lower grades to learning about simple and compound interest in the upper levels.

Physical Improvements around the School

A new driveway gate has been installed and some internal fencing removed to make way for a new outdoor play deck for Kindergarten. The existing demountables will be removed from the school this week, with one staying to be used as a family/Parish/play group space. It will be modified to allow easy access for elderly parishioners as well as easy access to a new playground area and deck being constructed at the back of the current Kindergarten rooms. New turf will be laid near the newly constructed stairs in the back-car park and the children will soon get to play with outdoor chess and snake n ladders games.

Parent Council Volunteers and Fundraising

There is a belief among some that payment of school fees means that there is no need to fundraise or for that matter volunteer for any fundraising efforts carried out by the Parent Council. Catholic schools receive 84 cents out of every dollar a public school receives from the government. The main reason we charge fees is to make up the difference between what a public school receives, and we don't. Therefore, luxury extras such as a brand-new basketball court and new playground facilities sometimes needs to be funded by fundraising efforts. Private schools on the coast who charge school fees three times and sometimes four times what we charge here at OLR can build luxurious concert halls, tennis courts and soccer fields. We rely on fundraising in order to build the extras otherwise we would have to charge parents a lot more than what we do. Our Parent Council works tirelessly for the whole community. Thank you to all those who contribute to the fundraising or volunteer your support is greatly appreciated.

God Bless

Frank Cohen – Principal

A thought for the week

"Grass is greener at other people's feet because they watered it. You need not to let your environment control you; you have what it takes to make it look beautiful!" Ayivor



**The Coronation of Our Lady
(August 22)**

This memorial celebrates the same event that is highlighted by the fifth glorious mystery of the Rosary.

Mary was assumed into Heaven by Jesus and the angels. She was carried. Jesus ascended into Heaven, which is different. He went up to Heaven by his own power. Mary doesn't have that power, so Jesus carried her.



After she was assumed into Heaven, Jesus took His mother to a throne next to His own. Since Jesus is King Lord of all, His Mother, was to become Queen. Jesus, God Our Father and the Holy Spirit placed a beautiful crown of twelve stars on her head. All the angels and saints sang wonderful songs praising her as their Queen.

Congratulations to all the children who contributed to the Feast of the Assumption last week. Another beautiful reverent Mass! Well done OLR!



Here is a fabulous article from Pope Francis in this week's edition of Walking Way!
Click the image above to investigate further.

SAVE THE DATE Father's Day Breakfast/Liturgy Friday 30th August

We will be celebrating Father's Day by spoiling our Father's and the other significant males with a Father's Day Breakfast at 8.15am in the COLA followed by a Father's Day Liturgy at 9.00am in the Hall. We hope you can celebrate with us.

Please email your Father's Day photo **(1 per family) in ASAP!** olrwyoming@dbb.catholic.edu.au

SAVE THE DATE! OLR Parish Family Day to be held on Sunday 20th October 2019!
More information in the coming weeks.



Social Justice



Did you know that for a donation of \$6 you can 'shout a mate a plate' at Mary Mac's, Woy Woy?



~ A Gem of Pope Francis.....

It's the uncertainty that we feel both inside and out, the Lord gives us a certainty: He remembers us.

Big Dates for your Diary:

Friday	23/8	Refugee Prayer	11:15am	Hall
Friday	30/8	Father's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Hall
Sunday	15/9	Family Parish Mass	9:30am	Church
Sunday	20/10	OLR Family Parish Fun Day	9.30am	Church/COLA

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Maria Kennedy

Word Mania

Word Mania is a word-building challenge that is easy to play but tough to master. The children race against the clock to build as many words as they can from 15 letters in just three minutes. Well done to all the children who have progressed to Round 2.

Round 1: 12th Aug - 16th Aug
Round 2: 19th Aug - 23rd Aug
Finals Round: 28th Aug - 30th Aug

OLR RULE OF THE WEEK



DIARY DATES

Thur	August 22	Father's Day Stall
Thur	August 22	Preschool Storytime – 9.00am
Fri	August 23	Daffodil Day Fundraising
Wed	August 28	Wakakirri Performance
Thurs	August 29	Woolworths Cricket Blast Gala Day
Fri	August 30	Father's Day Breakfast/Liturgy
Tues	September 3	Attendance Parent Workshop 9.30am
Wed	September 4	Book Week Parade 9.15am
W-F	Sept 11-13	Year 6 Canberra
W-F	Oct 30-Nov 1	Year 5 Camp
Thurs	Nov 21	NSW Police Band Visiting 10.30AM

DAFFODIL DAY – THIS FRIDAY



FRIDAY 23 AUGUST

Yellow Mufti for a gold coin donation

Karen Farquhar

SPORTING
Schools

This week was the final session of the Soccer sessions for Sporting Schools for this term, with students from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 participating fairly and eagerly during the program over the past 4 weeks.

The students gained valuable skills, worked as a team and gained a basic understanding of the game. The feedback from the coaches was very positive and all said the students listened and participated well whilst playing fairly and having fun.

More information regarding next term and Sporting Schools will be provided in a later newsletter. Please enjoy the action photos from the sessions of Soccer.



CANTEEN NEWS – Stacey Tamblyn

Fri August 23 Remy F / Adam R / Nancy G

Mon August 26 Emma E / Sam C

Wed August 28 Sally L / Remy F

Tap [here](#) for 2019 Canteen Menu

GOSFORD REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

FREE Suicide Prevention Awareness Presentation

LivingWorks brings you safeTALK, a program designed to alert community members to signs that a person may be considering suicide.

safeTALK participants learn to recognise when someone is having suicidal thoughts and to respond in ways that link them with further suicide intervention help.

VENUE: Wyoming Community Centre
147 Maidens Brush Road
WYOMING NSW 2250

Date: Friday, 6th September 2019

Time: 9:30am - 1:00pm

Cost: FREE

To book for this presentation, click on

<http://www.lifelinehunter.org.au/event/safetalk-67>

If you have any questions please contact us on 43237483 or email

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"It's Your Community"

NEWS FROM THE FLO – Melissa Evans

TERM 3 WELLBEING WALK FOR PARENTS!

I would like to invite all families to join me for a morning walk on Wednesday, 28th August 9.30am @ Gosford Sailing Club.

Let's get active whilst enjoying the beautiful coastline and good company.

Melissa



LIBRARY – Louise Foyel

Book Week Book Parade

The Book Parade will be held on Wednesday 4th September from 9:15am. The children are asked to dress up in a costume according to this year's theme, *Reading is My Secret Power*.

10 ways Reading is a Secret Power

- 1 Reading is mindful.**
When engaged in reading you aren't distracted by devices, chatting or problem solving – it creates quiet space in the brain and focuses your attention.
- 2 Reading reduces stress.**
When in the flow of a good book, perhaps with a cup of tea, there are few better ways to momentarily halt the stresses of life. Hold on tight to this feeling.
- 3 Reading improves your ability to wield words!**
Reading increases vocabulary and understanding of the way words work in both written and spoken forms.
- 4 Reading is free.**
How powerful is the word 'free'? Books can be accessed online and in print for free from libraries. Reading can be as entertaining as a night out at the movies and some states even have free community reading events.
- 5 Reading improves writing.**
The more you read, the better grasp of the written word you have.
- 6 Reading increases empathy and social awareness.**
Reading allows us all to walk in the shoes of others and experience historical and current world events from the safety of your bedroom.
- 7 Reading is knowledge.**
Readers are lifelong learners who gain new knowledge from each new book they read.
- 8 Reading improves your problem solving.**
Seeing characters make sense of their problems and seeing patterns in the ways issues are dealt with in written form improves your analytical thinking and your flexibility in problem solving.
- 9 Reading offers an escape from the daily grind.**
It offers a place to retreat and experience another reality.
- 10 Reading exercises the imagination.**
It provides the mind with the opportunity to create visuals that are unique to the reader.



Premiers Reading Challenge

ONLY 1 WEEK TO GO!

Children need to complete their Student Reading Records online by 30 August.

Parent and Carers Book Swap



The book shelf will be wheeled out each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and afternoons outside the Library. It can be accessed on other days, just inside the Library doors. Parents and carers are welcome to give a book and take a book. Showing your enjoyment of reading is catching. A positive attitude towards books encourages children to read too!



Preschool Story Time

Thursday 22nd August 9.00am – 9.30am
In the school Library



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